THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Greater Gangau Dam

3549. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Water Development Agency has proposed to raise the height of the proposed Greater Gangau Dam by more than 20 m.; if so, how much extra jungle and cultivated land will be submerged, State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the yield of the lower ken basin has been assessed by the National Water Development Agency to be less than 17 meft/sq. mile and whether it is also a fact that the Central Water Commission is overestimating the yield at greater Gangau Dam by about 30 meft/sq. mile; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the extra water thus assessed will be taken by a long link canal into the Betwa river just upstream of Parichha weir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Based on the toposheet studies, National Water Development Agency has estimated 75 per cent dependable yield at Greater Gangau Dam site at 0.343 million cub. meter per square km. and the yield below the Dam site at 0.182 million cub. meter per sq. km. These studies show that a Dam with FRL at 300 meter is possible as against 278.89 meter contemplated by the State Government for Ken multi-purpose project. Due to raising the height, additional forest area of about 62 Sq. Kilometer in Madhya Pradesh will come under submergence.

(c) The proposal of transferring surplus water is to be finalised in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

Demontsration near British High Commission against Salman Rushdie's Novel

3550. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some youths belonging to the Aalame Farzandani-Tauheed, Muslim Manch, Mazhab bachao Committee, Islami Morcha and All India Anjuman Naujwan-e-Millat and other organisations held a demonstration near British High Commission, New Delhi carrying banners reading "Hang Salman Rushdie" and giving call to the Muslims of the Capital to observe a bandh in protest against Salman Rushdie's novel "Satanic Verses"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken against the said organisations who are bent upon whipping up violence by carrying such banners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A peaceful demonstration was organised by some Muslim organisation on 24-2-1989 against the author of "SATANIC VERSES". About 2000 demonstrators marched in a procession which was not allowed to go beyond Teen Murti. However, some representatives were allowed to present their memorandum to the British High Commission.

Setting up of a National Credit Council

3551. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Congress Chief Ministers have urged upon the Central Government to set up a National Credit Council (NCC) on the lines of National Development Council and if so, what is Government's response thereto; and

(b) whether NCC will be given powers to lay down guidelines on credit policy, evaluation, monitoring and review of such guidelines in an independent and non-partisan manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Kerala, Haryana, Karnataka and West Bengal in a meeting held at Calcutta on 28th January, 1989 are reported to have made some suggestions on Centre-State relations including the one relating to setting up of a National Credit Council. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that while formulating the credit policy, the RBI takes into account not only to developments at the national level but also of different regions and States as well as the special requirements of specific schemes. Further, there is a procedure of consultation with the State Government in the form of Regional Consultative Committees and State Level Bankers Committees. In view of this it is neither necessary nor desirable to set up another body such as National Credit Council.

Ransacking of women's hostel room by some personnel of Assam Rifles in Imphal

3552. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hostel room of Ms. Nandita Haksar in Imphal was ransacked by some personnel of Assam Rifles recently;

(b) whether Government would look into this clear violation of elementary human rights;

(c) whether it is a fact that similar attack was made by the Hoodlums at the residence of Ms. Srilata Swaminathan a few months ago in Rajasthan; and

(d) whether Government would appoint a Human Rights Tribunal to look into such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) At the instance of the State Government, Assam Rifles carried out operations in and around Imphal from 17th December to 21st December, 88 to check and prevent infiltration of undergrounds into Imphal town. These operations were carried out for the purposes of security of the State. The question of violating human rights does not, therefore, arise.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan have informed that one case of Ms. Srilata Swaminathan was reported on 3.10.88 and a case was registered and challaned against 11 accused persons.

(d) No such proposal is under Government's consideration.

राजघाट बांध

3553. **डा. गोविन्ददास रिछारिया :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजघाट बांध के निर्माण में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई और चालू वित्त वर्ष में वास्तव में कितना काम हुआ है और क्या यह निर्धारित लक्ष्यों के अनुरूप है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिये निकट भविष्य में केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या करने का विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) इस वर्ष के दौरान इस कार्य के प्रति उत्तर प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश की सरकारों का क्या अंशदान रहा है और अगर इसके लिये अंशदान नहीं किया गया है तो केन्द्रीय सरकार इसके बारे में क्या करने का विचार रखती है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) चिनाई बांध पर लगभग 60% और मिट्टी बांध